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NEW STORES EXPAND TRADING NETWORK;
ANDIZHAN COTTON OUTPUT LAGS

PRIMORSKIY KRAY ADDS CONSUMERS' STORES -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 90, 17 Apr '49

Consumers' cooperatives of Primorsky Krai are extending the network of stores in 1949. Twenty-two stores which will handle household goods, construction materials, hardware, and saddlery will be opened in the rayon centers of the krai. New buildings for seven general stores will be built and 67 such stores will be reconstructed in the villages. By the end of the year, 182 stores will have been added to the rural network.

CHITA TRADING SYSTEM KIPANDS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochniy, No 75, 17 Apr 49

Glazunov, chairman of the Chita City Executive Committee, reported on the development of the city's trading system at the 12th session of the Chita City Soviet. Thirty-two new stores, six of which are specialized, have been opened in the city, and 54 public eating enterprises are in operation. The volume of goods sold, particularly sugar, groats, woollen fabric, shoes, and others, has increased 50 - 100 percent.

"Christorg," largest trading organization in the city, is not operating efficiently. It does not have specialized stores, the assortment of goods is poor, and turnover costs are too high. The Dining Hall Trust is also poorly organized and fails to meet consumer demand for wider assortment. The limited assortment of goods is an outstanding problem in all of the city's trading enterprises and organizations.

FEATHER PLANT BEATS PLAN. -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 82, 27 Apr 49

The Chita Leather Plant completed the 4-month gross production plan for output of Russia leather and chrome leather 10 days ahead of schedule. The plant realized 128,000 rubles in above-plan returns in the first quarter.

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FRUNZE SHOP MAKES WALL CLOCKS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 95, 17 May 49

The "2-ya pyatiletka" Clock Assembly Shop, recently established by a Frunze trader artel, has issued its first consignment of wall clocks.

PRODUCES DAYLIGHT LAMPS -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 76, 1 Apr 49

The electrical equipment plant of the Pervomayskiy Rayon Local Industry Trust (director, Mirkin; technical supervisor, Vol'berg) has begun to produce daylight lamps. Automatic machines and other machine tools have been added to the equipment to increase the output of lamps to 1,000 per month. Production will be further geared to raise this number $1\frac{1}{2}$ times.

ANDIZHAN COTTON PRODUCTION LAGS -- Stalinskoye Znanya, No 40, 27 Feb 49

The 1949 plan for cotton-ginning plants in Andizhan Oblast calls for a 12-percent increase in production over 1948. The rate of production, however, has decreased considerably in the beginning of this year. The Andizhan "Zagotkhlopkotrest" (Cotton Procurement Trust) completed only 91.2 percent of the January plan, and only four out of seven cotton-ginning plants completed the January plan. The trust had completed only 51 percent of the February plan by 20 February, Andizhan Cotton Plant No 3, only 54 percent of the plan, Leninskiy Plant No 1, only 58.3 percent, and the Stalinskiy Plant, 54.1 percent. Andizhan Cotton Plant No 1, the only plant operating on schedule, completed the month plan on 22 February.

SIBERIAN KNITTING INDUSTRY TO GET SPINNING MILL -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 101, 30 Apr 49

A large spinning mill is being built in Kurgan to furnish the Siberian knitting industry with yarn, which for a long time had to be brought in from mills in Moscow or Ivanovo. The Kurgan mill will supply all the Siberian knitting factories. The newest ring spinning frames, flyer frames, carding machines, and scutchers, built by the Leningrad plants imen! Karl Marx, imen! Engels, and the "Vulkan" Plant will be installed in the mill.

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